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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR  
PUBLIC WORKS - 2003 EDITION  
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Adopt the 2003 Edition of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction for use by the County of Los Angeles and various districts under the control of your Board on public works construction projects.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

To update the County's standard specifications for the construction of public works facilities to reflect the latest thinking of public works officials, utility companies, and members of the construction industry.

The purpose of the Standard Specifications is to provide uniform general contract provisions, material requirements, and methods of construction for use on public works construction projects. The Standard Specifications, originally published in 1967, are republished in their entirety every three years. Supplements to this publication are published during each intervening year.

This document is prepared by Public Works Standards, Inc. Representatives of Public Works, other public agencies, utility companies, and contractor organizations in Southern California comprise the membership of Public Works Standards, Inc., and serve on its various subcommittees.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This item is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will implement an accepted industry standard for the quality of construction of public works facilities serving the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The use of standard specifications benefits both the general public and the construction industry by eliminating conflicts and confusion, avoiding repetition, and encouraging more competitive bidding by private contractors, thus lowering construction costs.

There is no funding required for the recommended action.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The first (1967) Edition of the Standard Specifications and all subsequent editions and supplements have been adopted by your Board. This publication has also been adopted by many cities, counties, and other government agencies in California.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Adoption of standard specifications ensures uniformity in the design, bidding, and construction of public works projects, with the associated economies and efficiencies in project administration and inspection, resulting in the improved delivery of facilities and services to the public.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Officer  
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